

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 56

By Lynn

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Deborah R. Williams upon her coronation as Ms. Tennessee Senior America 2014.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should pause to specially recognize those emerging community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative individual is Deborah R. Williams of Mount Juliet, who was recently crowned Ms. Tennessee Senior America 2014; and

WHEREAS, after receiving an associate degree in radiological technology, Mrs. Williams moved to New York City to study voice and acting. She worked as a performing arts consultant and voice coach in the entertainment industry and has performed internationally; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Williams recently earned her bachelor of arts degree in theatre from Cumberland University, and graduated magna cum laude from that honorable institution. She was a member of the Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society and the Alpha Chi Honor Society, and was selected to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*; and

WHEREAS, a leader within her community, Mrs. Williams is involved with numerous volunteer projects, including the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network, the Wounded Warrior Project, and Vietnam Veterans of America; she is the president of the Justin Williams Foundation and of Music for the Future Publishing Company, and often sings for various functions and events; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams is involved with various churches within her community, including the St. Stephen Catholic Community, and she is a board member of Cedar Creek Church by the Lake; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Williams has represented and will continue to represent the State of Tennessee and the Ms. Tennessee Senior America organization with aplomb and dignity, appearing at a number of special events and grand openings; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams enjoys the arts and theatre, traveling, swimming, performing, and spending time with her family; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps proudest of the love and support she shares with her husband of thirty-eight years, Robert S. Williams, and their children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams's pageant victory is a special source of pride for her family, her many friends, her community, and the State of Tennessee, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Deborah R. Williams upon her coronation as Ms. Tennessee Senior America 2014 and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.